Distribution of textiles.

17. MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the present system of textile distribution is creating much confusion?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Coir Control Order.

2. *MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the object of the Coir Control Order?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: The Coir Control Order was issued for the purpose of ensuring sufficient quantities of coir yarn for the manufacture of coir goods contracted to be supplied by Government to the Supply Department of the Government of India for purposes connected with the war.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI: May I know in view of the fact that steps have been taken towards that end will the Government be pleased to remove restrictions on exports and issue permits therefor?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: The matter will be considered.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI: Sir, will the Government be pleased to state, *(a)* in view of the resignation tendered by the Chief Engineer and accepted by Government, what arrangements Government propose to make to satisfactorily carry out the vaious important works now started by Government and which are in various stages, such as the Perunchani Dam Hydro Electric works, National highways and Post-War Reconstruction schemes and *(b)* whether the Government have got suitable and competent and fully qualified men with ripe experience in their service to carry out these works?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Sir, the Government have not come to any decision with regard to the appointment of a successor. But the question will be taken up with reference to these commitments shortly.

PRESIDENT: The answer to that question is simple. The Chief Engineer has resigned, but he has been requested to stay on until the arrangements for his successor have been made. As a matter of fact arrangements must be made for many successors, for this reason. Dewan Bahadur L. Venkatakrishnan was a specially qualified officer both in the matter of Workshop and Irrigation works. In the Electrical side the services of Mr. Bruford who was drawing Rs. 1,800, were terminated. The Chief Engineer was an expert in that line, and he was doing the work without any additional remuneration. Also the services of Mr. M. Lean had been terminated, He was getting a salary of Rs. 1,500 and was an expert in construction works'. The Chief Engineer was attending to this work as well by himself. Therefore, at the present moment an engineer will hav to be appointed for the Hydro-Electric Works, another engineer fo

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